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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PROPOSED LOS DISCUSSIONS WITH GCOB

REF: STATE 192631

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES AVAILABILITY OF STATE AND DOD LOS EXPERTS, BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT LEVEL OF GCOB INTEREST IN GENERAL LOS MATTERS WARRANTS DESPATCH OF MISSION TO NASSAU AT THIS TIME.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GCOB INTEREST IN LOS IS DEVOTED ALMOST ENTIRELY TO ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT, WHICH IT SEES MORE IN TERMS OF PROMOTING NATIONAL UNITY THAN LOS. THE GCOB HAS NOT MENTIONED THE VAGUELY WORDED "COMMITMENT" CONTAINED IN THE MAY 28 AGREED RECORD, AND ITS EFFORT TO RAISE THE MATTER AT THAT TIME APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO ACHIEVING OUR SUPPORT, AT LEAST TACIT, FOR A BHAMIAN ASSERTION AS PART OF THE QUID, AND NOT AS A MEANS OF DISCUSSING LOS PER SE.

EXTAFFMIN ADDERLEY'S FAILURE TO MENTION THE ISSUE DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 14 MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR MAY BE A HOPEFUL SIGN THAT LINKAGE BETWEEN THE ARCHIPELAGO CONCEPT AND FACILITIES
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NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOT BE PURSUED. EMBASSY WOULD NOT WISH TO

RESURRECT THAT LINKAGE NOW BY SUGGESTING EXTRAORDINARY LOS DISCUSSIONS. WE DO INTEND, HOWEVER, DISCREETLY AND IN LOW-KEY TO PROBE GCOB ON ITS LOS VIEWS ACROSS THE BOARD, THE ROLE IT FORESEES FOR ITSELF IN THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE FOCUS OF ITS EFFORTS AS TO WHO WILL HANDLE LOS WITHIN THE GCOB, WHERE IT WILL BE HANDLED, AND WHAT THE KEY ISSUES AND ALIGNMENTS WILL BE.

3. EMBASSY REALIZES THAT GCOB WOULD BENEFIT FROM US EXPERTISE IN LOS MATTERS, PARTICULARLY AS NEWCOMER TO CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT EDUCATIVE APPROACHES COULD USEFULLY BE MADE IN NEW YORK AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL SETTINGS. LOCALLY, WE PREFER TO CONTINUE OUR STRESS ON THE LINE THAT LOS MATTERS ARE BETTER ADDRESSED IN MULTILATERAL THAN BILATERAL FORA. MEANWHILE, IF UNUSUAL LOS PROBLEMS ARISE HERE, OR IF GCOB PRESSES US ON MAY 28 "COMMITMENT", EMBASSY WILL NOT HESITATE TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM LOS EXPERTS.
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